



## **1. Authority, organization, and infrastructure of veterinary services**

Please expand the description of the roles and responsibilities of each division within your Veterinary Inspectorate. What is the regulatory authority and responsibility of each? What educational and certification requirements must be met by government and private veterinarians who participate in CSF surveillance and control?

Please describe your border security measures in greater detail. How many control points exist and where are they located? A map would be helpful. How many veterinarians and other officials are present at each control point? How are border security personnel trained? Which border control points handle port, airport, rail, or truck traffic?

How is the prohibition of swill feeding enforced, particularly among backyard producers or on individual small farms in the vicinity of larger cities? How is compliance monitored and what are the penalties for noncompliance? What specific types of waste are included in the ban?

Please provide a copy (in English) of the Veterinary Law.

## **2. Disease status in the region**

Please describe the epidemiology of the 1994 CSF outbreak. Which virus subtype was involved? How did the virus get into Poland? How were the seven foci linked? What was the incidence of CSF prior to 1994? Please describe in more detail the methods used to eradicate CSF from Poland. What geographic and environmental characteristics of Poland might influence the prevalence of CSF if it were to reoccur?

Please provide any available data regarding the spatial distribution of wild boar populations within the region and describe how any population estimates were determined. Has CSF ever been found in wildlife in the region?

## **3. Disease status of adjacent regions**

The United States does not recognize any of the countries adjacent to Poland as free from CSF, with the exception of certain regions of the Federal Republic of Germany. What is your knowledge of the current CSF status of the adjacent countries? What specific CSF virus types have been involved in recent outbreaks in these countries? What geographic and environmental characteristics of the border regions might influence the risk of reintroducing CSF into Poland?

Has surveillance for CSF been conducted in wildlife in the adjacent regions? If so, has evidence of CSF ever been found? Please provide any available data regarding such surveillance and its outcomes. What barriers exist to prevent the spread of CSF infection from wild boar in adjacent countries to wild and domestic swine in Poland?



#### **4. Extent of active disease control**

Please provide a copy (in English) of the National Contingency Plan for the Control of CSF. Please also describe the epidemiological investigations that would be conducted to trace the source of infection if CSF was suspected (if this information is not included in the Contingency Plan).

#### **5. Vaccination status of the region**

It is noted that vaccination for CSF in Poland is currently prohibited. Have all previously vaccinated swine been destroyed? Would vaccination be considered under any circumstances? If so, from where would the vaccine be obtained?

#### **6. Separation from higher risk regions**

We have no questions under this factor.

#### **7. Movement control from higher risk regions and biosecurity**

From which countries does Poland import commodities that could potentially carry the CSF virus (i.e., live swine, pork meat or meat products, swine semen, embryos, or ova)? Are any of these countries considered to present a higher level of CSF risk than is present in Poland? From which countries is the import of these commodities prohibited? Do restrictions exist on transit of such commodities through Poland?

Please describe the inspection procedures at border control points in greater detail. What proportion of imported animals or products are inspected each year? What inspection and test procedures are followed? Are the inspections random or targeted? If they are targeted, how does this occur? What volume and types of commodities have been seized at border control points in the past year? What is the proportion of travelers inspected for possible illegal agricultural products? How is local border traffic controlled?

Please provide copies, in English, of the health certificate and permit required for the movement of swine into Poland. Who issues the health certificates? How are live animals marked for identification purposes?

#### **8. Livestock demographics and marketing practices in the region**

Livestock population data for Poland from 2001 have been provided. If possible, please provide a map of the geographic distribution of these populations (i.e., a livestock density map) and describe any major changes since 2001. From what areas of the country would livestock or other commodities for export to the United States likely be obtained?

It is noted that there are no major livestock marketing centers in Poland. How is the sale or exchange of swine accomplished? Is there veterinary oversight of local markets?

Please describe in more detail the patterns of swine movement within Poland. Is individual animal identification required? Where are the major abattoirs located? What provisions have been made to facilitate the tracing of suspect animals from market or slaughter back to the source herd?

## **9. Disease surveillance in the region**

Results of serologic surveys of domestic swine conducted in 2002 were provided. Please describe the sampling strategy in more detail, including how animals/herds were chosen for sampling and how the samples were selected. What was the expected prevalence of CSF? Which diagnostic test was used? What was the estimated sensitivity and specificity of the testing procedure? What was the probability of false negative findings in the survey and how was this estimated? Please answer these questions with regard to serologic surveys of wild boar as well.

The two tables in Annex 3 of your submission report different numbers of domestic swine sera tested in 2002. Please explain this discrepancy. Please also provide survey results for domestic swine and wild boar populations for the past 3 years.

It is noted that Poland requires, by law, the reporting of suspected CSF cases. How many suspected cases of CSF were reported, and investigations conducted, during the past 3 years? What diagnostic tests are typically performed on animals suspected of being infected? What public awareness programs are in place to encourage the reporting of suspect animals?

## **10. Diagnostic laboratory capabilities**

How many laboratories within Poland conduct testing for CSF? Where are they located? What tests are conducted? How many tests does each laboratory conduct per year? What security measures are in place in laboratories to prevent escape of biological agents? What specific training have the diagnostic personnel received regarding CSF virus? How are samples delivered to the laboratory and how long does this usually take?

## **11. Emergency response capability**

What financial, personnel, and other resources are available specifically for the purpose of implementing emergency response procedures? How rapidly would the international community be informed of confirmations of CSF? How much additional time would be required after detection to stop exports of animals and products that could carry CSF?

Please give your best estimate of the amount of time it would take to detect and report the presence of CSF should it be reintroduced into Poland.